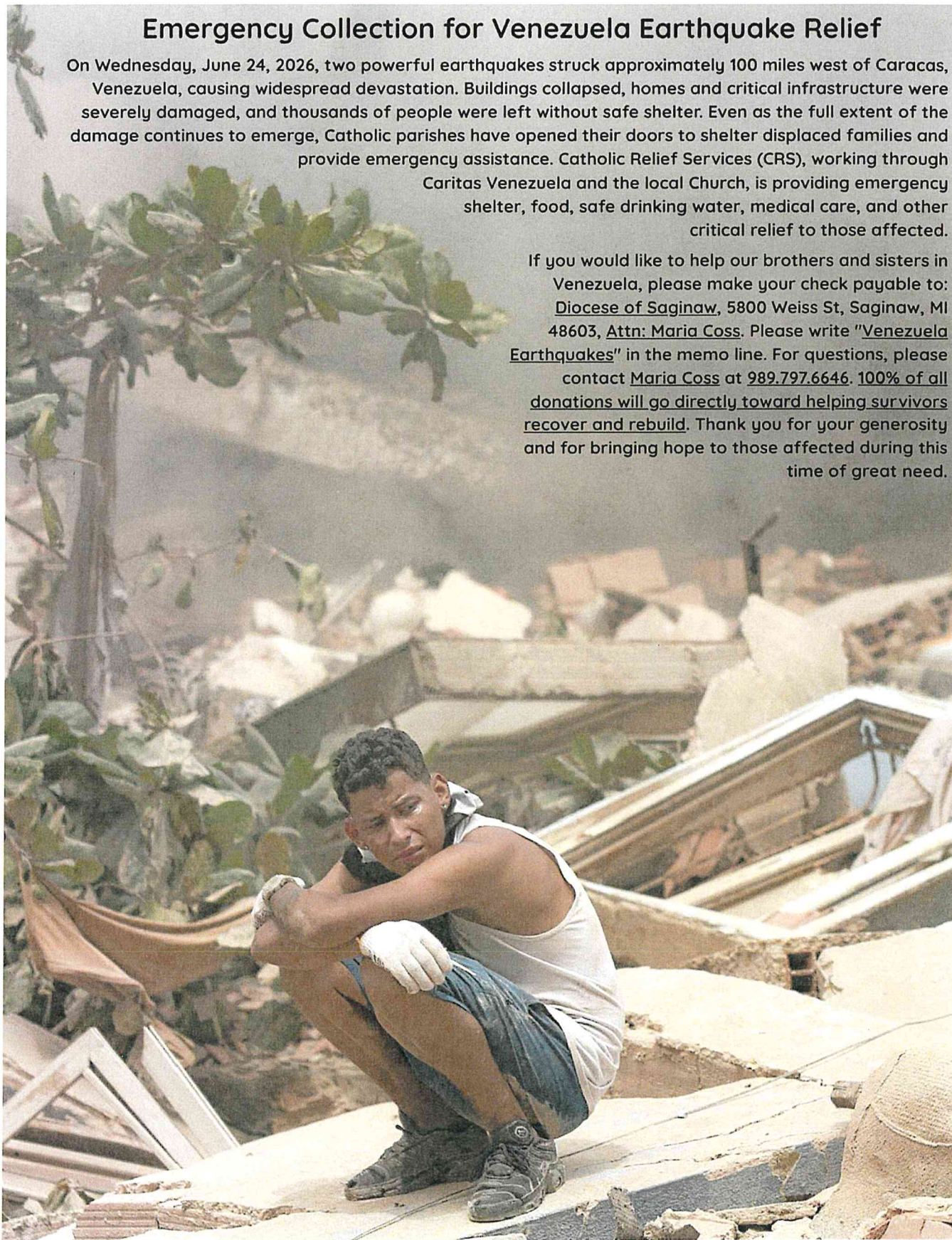


New Announcements:

Emergency Collection for Venezuela Earthquake Relief

On Wednesday, June 24, 2026, two powerful earthquakes struck approximately 100 miles west of Caracas, Venezuela, causing widespread devastation. Buildings collapsed, homes and critical infrastructure were severely damaged, and thousands of people were left without safe shelter. Even as the full extent of the damage continues to emerge, Catholic parishes have opened their doors to shelter displaced families and provide emergency assistance. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church, is providing emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected.

If you would like to help our brothers and sisters in Venezuela, please make your check payable to: Diocese of Saginaw, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603, Attn: Maria Coss. Please write "Venezuela Earthquakes" in the memo line. For questions, please contact Maria Coss at 989.797.6646. 100% of all donations will go directly toward helping survivors recover and rebuild. Thank you for your generosity and for bringing hope to those affected during this time of great need.



Explore the Holy Spirit

MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES

Saints of America's Founding and the Holy Spirit

AUGUST 12

6:30-8 PM, WEDNESDAYS - CENTER FOR MINISTRY,
5802 WEISS ST, SAGINAW, MI 48603



Scan the QR Code for a list of
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FR. STEPHEN BLAXTON



THE YEAR OF THE *Holy Spirit* ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN



Bishop Gruss proclaimed a Year of the Holy Spirit
from Pentecost 2026 to Pentecost 2027.

This is a special time dedicated to
deepening your relationship with the Holy Spirit.

You can help spread devotion to the Holy Spirit with a
variety of items featuring the official Year of the Holy Spirit
logo. Available merchandise includes T-shirts, polos,
long-sleeve shirts, coffee mugs, tumblers, stickers, magnets,
car magnets, yard signs and flags. Many apparel items come
in multiple colors and styles for men and women. These
products are a great way to witness to your faith, spark
conversations and celebrate this special year across
our Diocese.



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

— VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS —



You can visit the online store
and place your order here by
scanning this QR code.



CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE AND YOUR FAITH!

2026 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences:

July 24-26 Petoskey

Aug. 7-9 Detroit

Oct. 2-4 Petoskey

Oct. 16-18 Ann Arbor

Apply today at wwme.org!



Updated Announcements:



Saginaw Diocese Migrant Pantry Needs Your Help

The Saginaw Diocese Migrant Pantry is beginning to serve more migrant families, and we are currently in need of the following donations:

Food Items

- Pancake mix and syrup
- Applesauce
- Canned soup
- Pasta
- Sugar
- Shortening
- Other non-perishable food items

Household & Personal Care Items

- Pillows
- Blankets
- Bed sheets
- Pots and pans
- Silverware
- Mops and floor cleaning solution
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish sponges
- Loofahs
- Laundry detergent
- Razors and shaving cream
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Body wipes
- Lunch boxes

Clothing & Shoes

- Girls' clothing
- Men's shoes, size 11 and smaller

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to assist at the pantry. If your high school student needs volunteer service hours, we would love to have their help.

For volunteer opportunities, please contact Cinthya at (989) 294-2801.

Donation Drop-Off Hours

**Monday – Thursday
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

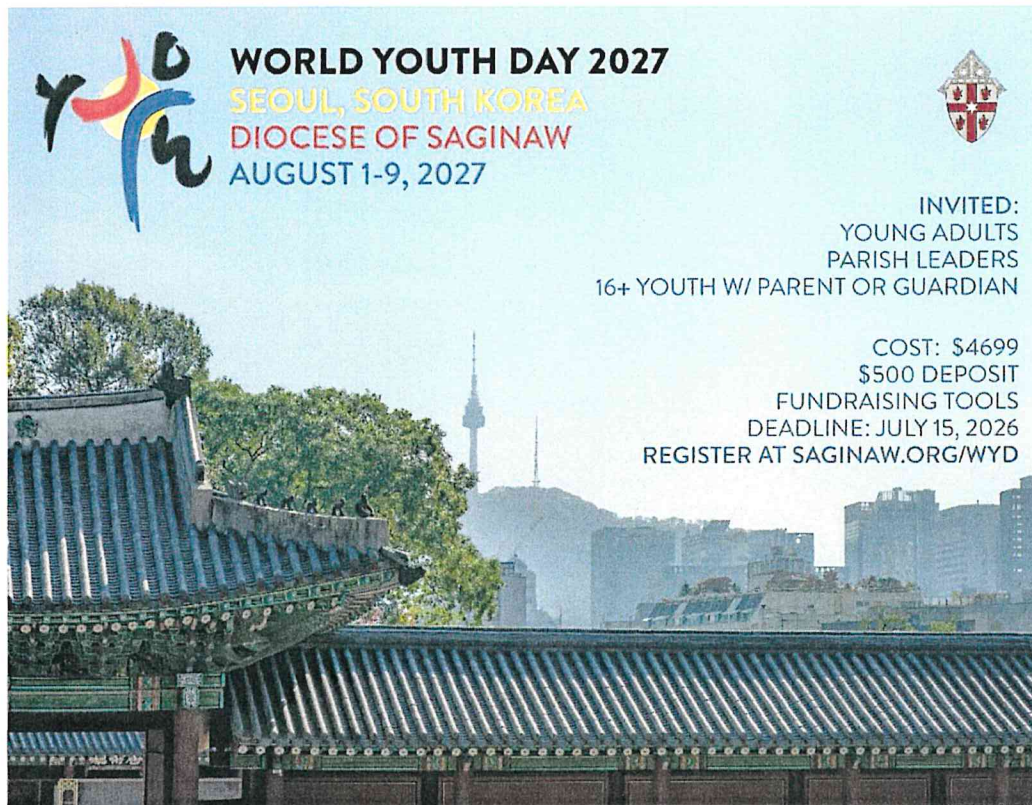
Location

Center for Ministry – Door 18

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us serve the migrant families who contribute so much to our communities. Your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Monetary donations can be sent to: Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, Office of Multicultural Ministry, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603. Make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, with "Migrant Ministry" in the memo line.

Recurring Announcements:

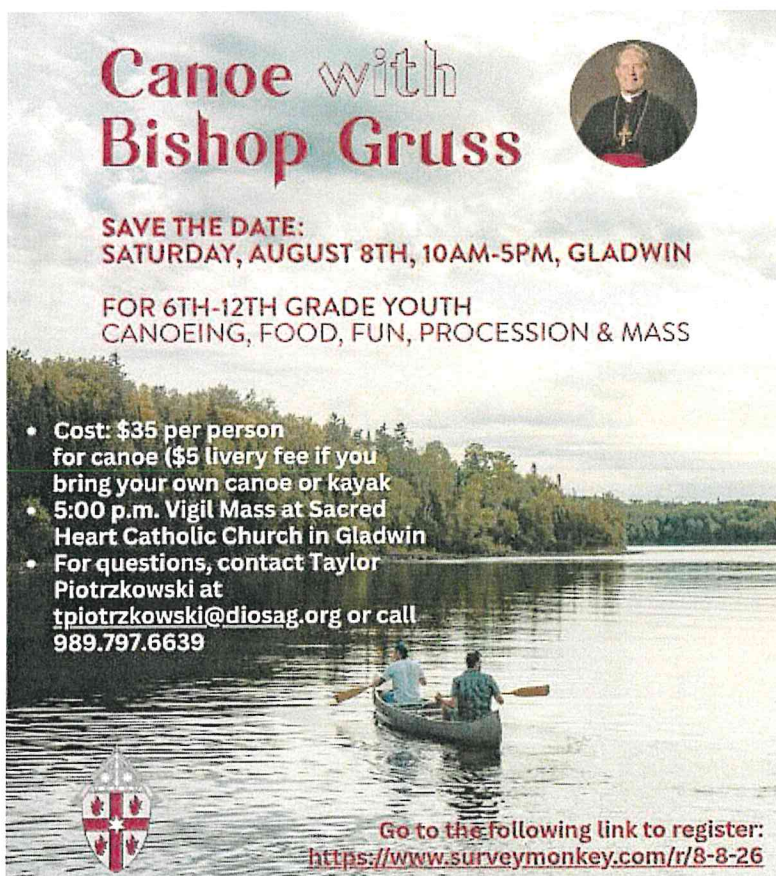


 **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027**
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
DIOCESE OF SAGINAW
AUGUST 1-9, 2027



INVITED:
YOUNG ADULTS
PARISH LEADERS
16+ YOUTH W/ PARENT OR GUARDIAN

COST: \$4699
\$500 DEPOSIT
FUNDRAISING TOOLS
DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2026
REGISTER AT SAGINAW.ORG/WYD



**Canoe with
Bishop Gruss**



SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 10AM-5PM, GLADWIN

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH
CANOEING, FOOD, FUN, PROCESSION & MASS

- Cost: \$35 per person for canoe (\$5 livery fee if you bring your own canoe or kayak)
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gladwin
- For questions, contact Taylor Piotrkowski at tpiotrkowski@diosag.org or call 989.797.6639



Go to the following link to register:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8-8-26>

Walking With Moms In Need (WWMN)



The needs of pregnant and new moms is constant. Only through your generous hearts has the diocese been able to support multiple moms in need, each with a different and unique story. We have provided rent assistance and utility payments, among other things, to moms of twins, moms navigating unexpected and high-risk pregnancies, moms with terminally ill babies, and struggling moms just trying to make their way and do the right thing. If you would like to offer financial support to moms in need, please scan the QR code to make an online donation or send a check payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, and include in the memo "WWMN" to The Diocese of Saginaw, WWMN Fund, 5800 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48603. The Walking With Moms In Need initiative is a program established by the USCCB to be part of our parishes. If you feel a call to this ministry and are interested in exploring how you can make a difference, please reach out to Kelly Hadd at khadd@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655. Thank you for supporting life!



Pilgrimage to

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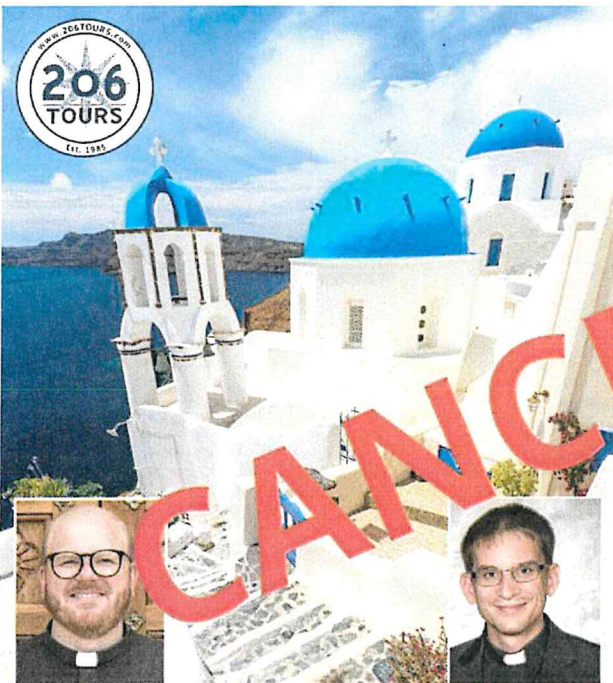
Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodation at centrally located first class hotels
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Assistance of a professional local Christian Guide
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner while on Cruise
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- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Whisper headsets (where needed)
- And more!



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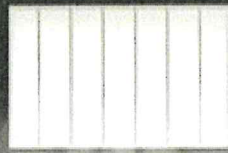
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Spiritual Director:
Fr. Stephen Blaxton

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Fr. Andy Laframboise

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Open Hearts, Open Doors: Serve in Prisons & Jails

Our Diocese has two prisons and 11 county jails. Currently we have between 30 and 40 Catholic Lay people along with several Deacons and Priests ministering to those incarcerated. Six county jails do not have an active ministry. The facility vetting process can be cumbersome—patience is needed by those called to this ministry; however, it is a ministry that offers encounters with Christ for both the incarcerated and ministers. Do you have a desire to share the GOOD NEWS? Maybe the Holy Spirit is moving you towards sharing it with those who are incarcerated? Contact Kelly Hadd at khadd@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655 for more information.



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE

Promoting Catholic Life in Rural America

The Diocese of Saginaw is largely made up of rural communities. Living in rural communities offers opportunities that are unique to each area; however, sharing our love and faith is common across all rural communities. Catholic Rural Life Chapters are groups of Catholics who build, celebrate, and promote rural Catholic life in their local area. They share the vision of flourishing Catholic life in rural America through thriving families, farms, and parishes—centered on faith, community, and care of creation. For more information, visit the Catholic Rural Life website: <https://catholicrurallife.org/>. Would you like to become a part of a Catholic Rural Life group in your area? Contact Kelly Hadd at khadd@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655 for more information.

